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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1913.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

FRENCH POLICY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 27.

In the French Senate, M. Pichon announced that the difficulties in connection with the preliminaries for peace were narrowed down to the objections of Greece to the delimitation of Southern Albania, which put Greece and Italy in opposition. There were serious difficulties between the Allies, whose antagonism was being accentuated, but he hoped this painful spectacle would cease. France would interpose if necessary to play the part of arbiter. He concluded by declaring that France would not allow the questions in Asiatic Turkey to be settled without her.

Feeling Among Allies.

According to a telegram from Belgrade the Greek Minister has requested the Serbian Government to protest to Sofia in connection with the Greco-Bulgarian incident at Nigrita.

The Serbian Minister at Sofia has communicated to M. Guechoff the demand by Serbia for the revision of the Treaty of Alliance.

A message from Sofia states that the semi-official organ "Mir" says that Serbia's demand for the revision of the Treaty of Alliance is equivalent to the abrogation of the Treaty.

There is good reason to believe that Russia, supported by the Powers, will do her utmost to prevent an armed conflict between the Allies.

An official statement published in Athens places the Greek losses in the Bulgaro-Greek fighting at 50 killed and 137 wounded.

TIBET.

ANGLO-CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS.

London, May 27.

Great Britain has favourably received the Chinese proposal that Wen Tsung-yao be specially appointed to settle the Tibetan question. The negotiations will be carried on in Darjeeling and not in London, as originally suggested.

ROYALTY IN BERLIN.

KING GEORGE'S GIFT TO CHARITIES.

London, May 27.

Members of the British and German Royal families attended a performance of the opera "Kekyra," depicting ancient and modern life in Corfu, written and composed at the direction of the Emperor.

King George gave £500 to charities in Berlin.

Good News.

In the Singapore police court last week, a number of fines were imposed in order to discourage the ill-treatment of bullocks and other beast of burdens. For overloading their bullock carts two Chinese were fined \$15 each, whilst a third was called upon to pay \$10 for a similar offence. For working a lame horse belonging to a towkay a Javanese syde was fined \$8.

TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH FINANCES.

MORE MONEY NEEDED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 27.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that nearly £8,000,000 additional revenue is required by France for 1914.

It is proposed to cover this figure mainly by an increased tax on alcohol, and on stocks, stamp and transfer duties.

SMARTLY FINED.

Disorderly Youths Punished.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr Hazeland, five youths were charged with disorderly conduct outside the Wanchai Police Station.

Inspector McHardy said a charge was being taken in the charge room in which two females were concerned, and the defendants were outside the station shouting and jeering. They started pushing each other into the charge room.

Mr. Hazeland said there was a lot of this going on, especially where females were concerned. He fined them \$25 each, or in default one month.

A BIG HAUL.

But the Tins did not Contain
Opium.

We have been informed that on Monday the 26th inst. information reached the opium farm that a large quantity of opium was stored at 41, Temple Street, Yaumati.

Mr. Hoggarth, of the opium farm, took out a warrant, and, in company with a party of police visited the house. They found no one on the premises, but in a locked cubicle they found nineteen packets, carefully tied up, containing, as they thought, prepared opium. They also found several loose tins, a quantity of labels, paste for sticking on the labels and several empty kerosene tins. When the stuff was taken to the police station and examined, it was found to be a substance of the consistency of paste, but not opium. Altogether there were 390 tins.

PUTTING UP SECURITY.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton of Messrs. Deacon, Looker Deacon, and Harston, on behalf of Mr. F. Macon of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, applied to His Lordship the Puisne Judge in the case of Ah Men and Hing Cheong v. P. W. Johnson that the defendant should be ordered to put up security to meet any judgment that might issue against him, in the action to recover \$158 for garments made.

Mr. Shenton said that the garments were made, but the defendant refused to take delivery or to pay for them, and the defendant was leaving to-day on the s.s. Rubi. There was the case of Sung Ming San v. Morren in which a person passing through could not be arrested, but in this case the defendant was continually coming backward and forward.

His Lordship gave an order for \$200 to be paid into court.

TELEGRAMS.

EMPIRE DAY SHOOT.

PROVISIONAL SCORES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

The provisional scores for the Empire Day Rifle Competition are as follows:—

Marine Artillery, Portsmouth 3,704.

2nd Hampshires, Mauritius 3,100.

29th Punjab's, Chaman 2,939.

2nd Buff. First Gurkhas, Dharmasala 2,851.

26th Punjab's, Hongkong 2,897.

2nd Norfolk's, Belgaum 2,808.

28th Punjab's, Lahore 2,781.

Marine Infantry, Portsmouth 2,741.

Royal Fusiliers, Jubbulpore 2,730.

H.M.S. Pembroke 2,737.

69th Punjab's, Malakand 2,638.

Fourth Rifles, Ghioral 2,620.

Staffordshires, Pietermaritzburg 2,618.

20th Sikhs, Lucknow 2,612.

Wiltshires and Rifles, 2,595.

2nd Buff. Thirty Ninth Garhwal Rifles, 2,535.

Connagh's, Ferozapore, 2,515.

35th Sikhs, 2,502.

90th Punjab's 2,481.

62nd Punjab's 2,465.

H. M. S. Excellent 2,464.

18th Hussars 2,463.

2nd Berkshires, 2,406.

Transvaal Cyclist Volunteers 2,393.

Malay States Guides 2,390.

The final scores may be expected at about the beginning of July.

EMLEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Josephs Again Before the
Magistrate.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning the American named O. S. Josephs, who stands charged with the misappropriation of \$1,000, the monies of Messrs Michael and Company, Cebu, was again remanded, the hearing being fixed for to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted; and Mr. Grist, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

Defendant was late in arriving at the Court and Mr. Lewis said the case was remanded until this morning, formally, but he did not see the defendant in Court.

His Worship:—What day do you want?

Mr. Lewis:—You formally remanded it.

His Worship:—What about this afternoon?—That is rather early, say Monday afternoon. As a matter of fact I am getting a witness up from Cebu, and I don't mind if it is fixed for a week or ten days ahead, I think it is possible Mr. Grist is in it.

Mr. Grist (who had just arrived) I appear for Josephs. I am prepared to go on with the case.

His Worship:—When?

Mr. Grist:—To-morrow, or even to-day. The man has already been in goal for something like a week.

Mr. Lewis:—I am prepared to go on to-morrow afternoon, but it will have to be remanded later.

Mr. Grist:—I will oppose it.

Mr. Lewis:—I have a witness coming from Cebu and he is on his way.

Mr. Grist:—He should be here. The position is this. The defendant has been unable to find bail and he has already been confined for a week, and naturally he is anxious for the matter to be proceeded with as soon as possible.

His Worship:—The holidays have interfered with matters, but that is not my fault.

Mr. Grist:—No, that is our misfortune I am afraid.

The case was fixed as stated.

TELEGRAMS.

COTTON GROWING.

ADVISER FOR AUSTRALIA.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 27.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne wires that the Commonwealth Government is communicating with the British Cotton Growing Association to secure an expert to advise on the best method of promoting the cultivation of cotton in Australia.

This step is the outcome of the evidence given before the Empire Trades Commission strongly favouring the idea.

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

WORK OF SUPPRESSION.

London, May 27.

Reuter is informed that the provinces of Shantung, Anhui and Hunan, in which poppy growing has been officially declared to be suppressed, will be closed to the importation of Indian opium forthwith. The officials all report that the suppression is astonishingly thorough.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

The following corps orders by Captain C. V. S. Shrimshire have been issued:—

King's Park Range:—Members wishing to use the range after 4 p.m. or any of the following dates must notify the office 24 hours beforehand:—4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th June.

Concert:—Members attending the Concert on Friday 30th will wear undress uniform (khaki jacket and trousers). Concert commences at 9.15 p.m. H.E. the Governor will present the prizes.

King's Birthday Parade. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters 6.45 a.m. 3rd June. Dress: Khaki coat and trousers, helmet with dragon badge, waistbelt, bayonet and two small pouches. Rifle with sling, black boots. Medals will be worn. No putties.

Rehearsal, King's Birthday Parade:—Members intending to be present on the 3rd June are requested to attend the parade at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 29th inst.

Leave:—Captain C. V. S. Shrimshire is granted leave of absence for 2 months with effect from 4th May.

Joined:—Pte. D. J. Tacchi joined the Corps on the 20th inst., allotted Corps No. 1427 and posted to Civil Service Company.

Resigned:—Gr. J. D. Macaulay is permitted to resign with effect from 22nd May.

CLAIM FOR RENT.

This afternoon in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Kemp, Lau Wan So, of 253 Des Voeux Road, Central, sued the Tai San Chan Firm, of 235 Des Voeux Road Central, to recover the sum of \$1057, being as to the sum of \$290 for one month's rent due from February 1 to February 28, 1913, and as to the sum of \$860 for thirty days rent due at the rate of \$30 per day from March 1 to March 23 in respect of 253 Des Voeux Road Central, in accordance with the notice given on January 30 and as to the remaining sum of \$77 for rates due thereon. Plaintiff waived \$57 to bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

Mr. R. C. Faithfull appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. H. Gardiner for the defendant.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SCOTT EXPEDITION.

R. G. S. PRESENTATIONS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 27.

Lord Curzon, at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, presented Lady Scott with a casket containing the two gold medals awarded her husband, a gold medal to the widow of Dr. Wilson, and a gold watch to Lieutenant Campbell.

Lord Curzon said no effort would be made to disturb the bodies of the heroes.

Lady Scott is lending her husband's diary to the Society.

INTERNATIONAL POLO.

American Team Shows Up Well
in Practices.

With the near approach of the international polo contests between the United States and Great Britain, interest grows apace. From the following, published by the New York "Evening Post" of April 9th, it is evident the American players are straining every nerve to come out on top:—

To the end that the British challenges for the international polo cup may be stoutly repulsed on the green plains in Hampstead, beginning June 10 next, some dozen bronzed, muscle-hardened young men are journeying to George J. Gould's polo field at Georgian Court, Lakewood, three days of each week, and are there engaging in games of polo that are marked by a strenuousness and proficiency on the part of the players, and on the part of their ponies, endurance, speed, general handiness, and intelligence in following the ball, that are strongly suggestive of top season form.

Yesterday's series of three four-period games between Capt. Harry Payne Whitney's white-and-red teams was as good polo as any seen two years ago, not excluding the international games—which were not the finest polo in the world, by the way. This was as surprising as it was pleasurable to many close followers of the game who came down from New York not expecting to witness such a display of skill at this time of the year.

Backhand strokes—that hallmark of the finished game—were employed with utmost frequency by players on both sides with absence of misses, and with accuracy of direction that elicited enthusiastic comments all about the field. The ball, was almost invariably passed from the side to the centre of the field in this manner, indicating polo of advanced type; there was striking certitude in the passing of the ball from one player to another, and a willingness to leave the willow spheroid to the next man and to jump ahead to precisely the strategic point that meant volumes to the exponents of scientific play.

Nerve Wracking Moments of Play.

Throughout the golden afternoon there were many great moments and at least one nerve-wracking incident—that being a shoulder-to-shoulder collision between ponies ridden by J. S. Phipps and L. E. Stoddard, the former Yale player. The steeds hurtled together with the abandon of two billiard balls. It was Mr. Stoddard's mount that carried; the horse staggered away, went down upon his haunches, unhorsed the rider, and then recovered. Mr. Phipps's pony went over like a shot, the player underneath, it was all over in a moment, ponies once more on their feet, their riders in the saddle, and the ball thrown into play.

And there was a great deal of thrill, too, in the spectacle of the wonderful Lawrence Waterbury

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BRITISH TEAM'S VICTORY.

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coursing along the flawless turf against the sombre background of pines, doing everything that it is possible for one of the most expert poloists in this country to do on one of his very best days.

"Get it! Get it, Larry!" Capt. Whitney's vibrant voice would rise out of the welter and then, to the visual accompaniment of a flash of white, a streak of roan and a swirling glitter of polished yellow wood, "Larry" would get it. The one time he did not get it was marked by his staccato outcry, half apologetic, half of chagrin:—

"Couldn't, Harry."

And—well one simply knew he couldn't. That was all there was to that. The incident was closed. All in all there was very little uttered in the way of command. Play was going so strong and the players so prone to do the right thing that there seemed little necessity for that. Shouts of "leave it," in fact, were about all one heard in the way of vocal utterance. There was one very amusing exception when Devereaux Millburn, the greatest back in the world, playing for the red four, struck viciously from under his pony's neck to clear his goal of the threatening ball. In some way his mallet put a reverse English on the willow and with a contrariety that seemed almost human, the white sphere swung sideways and backwards, rolling between the goal posts and scoring a goal against his own side. While the back slumped into his saddle and hung his head in mock shame, the other players gathered about him, shaking his hand and putting him upon his back, sending a round chorus of mirth to the side lines.

Ponies in Fine Condition.

The ponies, with one or two exceptions, received the highest commendation from the men who rode them. They were, in point of fact, pretty near as close to form as were the players. At the end of each period, when the exchanges were made, a glance into the cooling-off tent revealed a group of quivering steeds, free from lather, and sweating out as cleanly as the most exacting trainer could wish—which is to say Larry Fitzpatrick. Considering the time of the year, and the extraordinary bursts of speed which they were almost constantly called upon to make up and down and across the field, the condition of the mounts was really remarkable. And the woods were full of them yesterday—this phrase to be accepted in its literal sense, since the paddock was a section of pine forest immediately at the rear of the scoreboard and stand.

There were at least a hundred ponies on the field yesterday. Hugh Drury had seventeen of them on the practice field; Juan Fuentes, of Coronado, Cal., had twenty; every pony of both strings trained to the minute and as handy, to quote one of Mr. Whitney's groomes, as a pocket-mounted five men, and Messrs. Stoddard, Phipps and other players had thoroughly capable mounts on hand. Of the Fuentes ponies, Alvernie and Berta, both used by Lawrence Waterbury in the international games two years ago, were on hand, and in the fourth period that player was up on his roan Flora, which has attained great fame, both in America and in England.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

In the Interport shoot, Shanghai scored the fine total of 952.

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LOCAL.

Hongkong Volunteer Orders appear in to-day's issue.

Some tennis and billiard results appear to-day under the heading of Local Sport.

For disorderly conduct some Chinese youths were smartly fined at the Police Court this morning.

A rumour to the effect that a market is to be erected on the land occupied by the Empire Theatre is denied.

A special article to-day deals with interport shooting and offers some reasons for Hongkong's poor showing in recent years.

The case was continued in the Summary Court this morning in which G. F. Soley sues the Hongkong Hotel company for \$198 in lieu of notice.

An interesting correspondence, dating from 1884 to 1893, dealing with the Clock Tower, will be found in this issue and is well worth reading.

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the views of prominent men are
not only interesting but of the
utmost importance. Those who
follow events are thereby enabled
to gauge the situation not only as
it appears to statesmen who mani-
pulate the administrative reins,
but as it strikes the man who
sits on the fence and, Misaw-
ber-like, waits for something to
happen. There are two men in
China at the moment who fill the
bill. One is President Yuan
Shih-Kai, the other Ex-Premier
Tang Shao-yi. With the enter-
prise which has characterised it
from its inception, the "China
Press" has succeeded where others
have failed, and gives its readers
and the world at large the benefit
of the views of these two men.
The interviews are of exceptional
interest. Read together, they re-
veal a marked contrast in the at-
titudes of the two men.

China Mail.

The Day of the Mammoth Liner.

To-day, more than ever, does it
appear that the tendency is to in-
crease rather than to decrease
the dimensions of ocean-going
steamers. Quite recently the Cana-
dian Pacific Company's latest
addition to its fleet of gigantic
vessels, the Empress of Russia—
was in Hongkong and in a few
weeks the "Empress of Asia," her
sister ship, is due to arrive. Both
are larger in every respect than any
of the other vessels of the C.P.R.
fleet, large as those vessels are.
From the Home papers we observe
that the Allan Line has also
entered the race in building larger
vessels than they have so far built,
and the second of their two new
express mail service to Canada
was launched on the 19th inst.,
from the works of the Fairfield
Shipbuilding and Engineering
Company, Limited, at Govan.
This vessel is named the Calgarian,
and, like the Alsatian, launched
last month by Messrs William
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Dalmuir, has been designed by
the owners, the wide experience
of Mr Hugh A. Allan, the chair-
man of the company, and of
Mr A. M. Gordon, the naval
architect of the company, hav-
ing resulted in many develop-
ments, not only to ensure safety
as far as it is attainable, but
also add to the comfort of pas-
sengers in the various classes.

Daily Press.

The Bomb Evil.

When a "Dare to Die Society,"
armed with bombs, was organised
as part of the Revolutionary force
some eighteen months or more
ago, we felt and said that a fright-
ful error was being committed
and that its mischievous effects
would be far-reaching and would
endure long after the military
operations of the Revolution
had come to an end. And
this has proved, indeed, to
be the case. The idea has
been inculcated that the surest
means of destroying the influence
of a political opponent is to mur-
der him, and notwithstanding
that the military authorities, when
hostilities ceased, disbanded the
"Dare-to-Die" Societies, and cal-
led in the bombs or other engines
of destruction with which these
corps had been equipped, we are
constantly reading of bombs in
association with political plots,
and one wonders that outrages of
the kind are not more numerous
than is actually the case. Judging
from the number of reports which
appear in the Chinese papers,
especially of the North, of persons
being arrested for carrying bombs
or other high explosives on their
person, or having them in their
houses it is quite time that the
Government enacted some string-
ent law, if one does not already
exist, making it a capital offence
for any person, not duly authoris-
ed, to manufacture, sell or possess
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GENERAL NEWS.

Extraordinary.

An extraordinary case of a woman who lived for sixteen hours without breathing has come to the notice of the South Leicestershire Coroner. While at her work as a laundress at the Leicester Poor Law Infirmary at North Evington, Fanny Ann Godfrey, a single woman, aged fifty-five, who lived in St. Saviour's-road, Leicester, became suddenly ill. As she stopped breathing she was presumed to be dead. The doctors who were summoned by the nurse, however, were astonished to find that, although respiration had ceased, her heart continued to beat. Artificial respiration was continued. The heart continued to beat for sixteen hours after respiration had ceased. During the whole of that period artificial respiration was carried on without avail, and at length the heart ceased to beat.

Wireless at Bombay.

The Departmental Wireless Telegraph Station on Butcher Island in Bombay Harbour will shortly be opened, with a range of six hundred miles overland and more over sea. It is similar in construction to that at Karachi with which it will be easily in touch. With these two stations at work, it will be possible to maintain communication with shipping over nearly the whole of the Arabian Sea area. The small wireless station at Bombay will be closed down when the installation on Butcher Island is ready.

Singapore Type-Writing Competition.

Perhaps not yet in speed, but in numbers, the typists of Singapore can fairly be compared with those of other cities. Nowadays not to use the writing machine rather puts a firm out of it; and not to turn out decent work and quick, certainly handicaps the typist. To help remedy this, a competition is to be got up in Singapore. Two local firms are presenting prizes, and the trial of speed and accuracy takes place on July 9. —Free Press.

Gang Robbers at Merlimau Estate.

Kuala Lumpur, May 20.—A gang of about a dozen Chinese robbers entered the quarters of Mr. James Greene, the manager of Merlimau Estate, and having removed the revolver he kept under his pillow, woke him up and demanded the keys of the safe. Mr. Green however, refused to give them up and they then behaloured him and tied him up with rope whilst they searched for the keys. Being unable to find them they carried the safe outside but were unable to force it and eventually made off to the coast. —Exchange.

Dutch Troops from New Guinea.

The protection troops of the exploration detachment of South New Guinea and of South Celebes returned to Sourabaya on the morning of the 6th inst. by the government steamers, Spite, Arend, Valk, Aubutras, Zwaan and Lombok. The first detachment was under the command of Capt. Franssen Herderosche and first Lieut. Snell, both of the infantry, and the other under Captain van de Werf. The troops speaking generally, did not appear healthy and were very thin, which is a repetition of the proof that a long stay in South New Guinea is not desirable. The troops were received with the music of the 13th battalion which accompanied them from the landing to the barracks. The Malay detachment of the newly arrived troops proceeded at once to that town.

Search for Annam Emperor's Tomb.

The "Matin" correspondent at Hue states that the Resident-General, in agreement with the court, has instituted a search in the tomb of the Emperor Tudou of Annam, who died at Hue in 1883 and whose wars with the French led to the conquest of all Indo-China, with the object of finding his treasure, which is estimated at two million pounds. The "Matin" fears that this step will give rise to trouble with the natives.

The Right Hon. J. Bryce, a Reuter telegram from Tokio says that the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, who recently announced his resignation as British Ambassador at Washington, has arrived in Tokio from America.

HEALTH TALKS.

Tonics: Their Use, Abuse and Danger.

Under existing conditions, everyone in China needs a tonic at some time. Most of the drugs used for this purpose are, however, merely temporary stimulants which lose their effect soon after being stopped, or powerful poisons, like arsenic and strychnine, which should be used only under the doctor's orders. The need for tonics is, usually, that people have made undue demands on their nervous system. Alcohol, which so many take to enable them to meet these demands, is one of the worst things they can use. Apart from the reaction it causes, there is grave risk of its seriously undermining the general health.

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Camphor in Burma. It has been found that camphor will grow readily in Burma and the press has started an agitation to take up the crop seriously. It is argued that thousands of acres could easily be put under camphor, that the profits would be enormous and that employment could be found for about 200,000 people.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

For Bravery.

Washington, May 20.—For bravery and gallantry shown in action against hostile Filipinos several years ago, Capt. Louis Van Schaick, 14th infantry, was to-day presented with the Congressional medal of honour by President Wilson. The President personally made the presentation, Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood and staff being present during the ceremony. In presenting the medal to Capt. Van Schaick, the President warmly commended him for his bravery on the occasion for which the honour was accorded him. —"Manila Times"

The Tariff.

Washington, May 22.—Oscar Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, who is chiefly responsible for the tariff bill, says it will pass the

Senate, where all opposition would be unavailing.

Taken in good Part. Washington, May 22.—The State Department has received word that the reply of the United States to the Japanese note, cabled to Japan two days ago by the latter's representatives, on the subject of the Californian alien land legislation was received in very good part by Japan. This is taken as a sign that the situation is at present very favourable. —"Cablenews"

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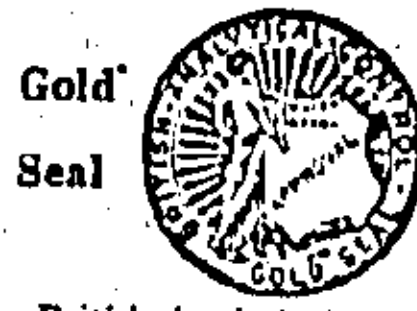
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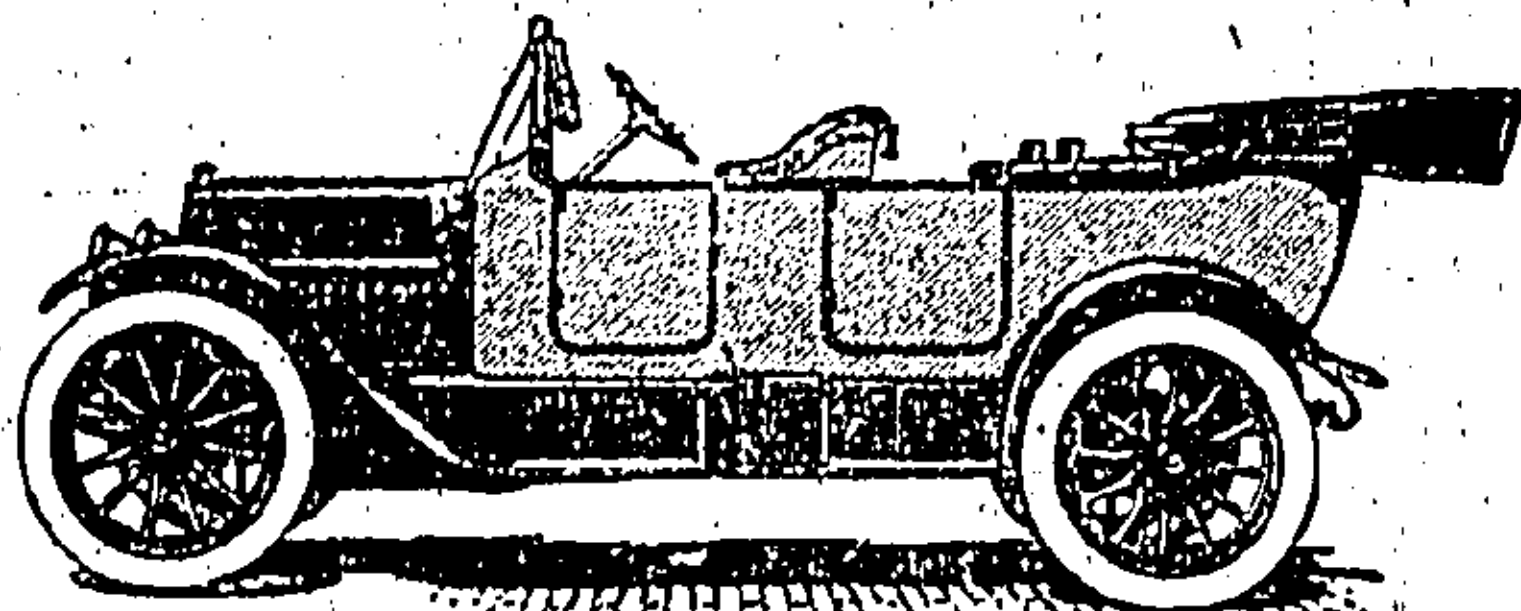
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THE CLOCK TOWER.

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2. That the same be replaced by an ornamental design combining both a cluster of Gas Lamps and Street Indicators to be set back at a sufficient distance to allow of passenger traffic to pass along the line of route on that side of the foot pavement of the Queen's Road or that it be replaced by such other suitable structure as Your Excellency may be advised to place there.

And Your Memorialists will ever pray etc.

Hongkong, March, 1884.

Copy Signatures to Memorial.

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The Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong March 29, 1884.

Sir,—I am directed by Governor Sir George Bowen to acknowledge the receipt by His Excellency of your letter of the 28th instant, forwarding a petition signed by a large number of the inhabitants of Hongkong praying for the removal of the Clock Tower to another site.

His Excellency has already requested the Surveyor General to report on this case and he will also consult the executive Council upon it.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your most obedient servant
W. H. Marsh,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd April 1884.

Sir,—Adverting to my letter No. 339 of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency is advised by the Executive Council, that, as the Clock Tower was built by public subscription and it would require a considerable sum of money from the Colonial Revenue to rebuild it, the consideration of its removal should be deferred until to new Peddar Street Wharf shall have been taken in hand, and until the urgently required Sanitary and other Public Works now in progress shall have been completed.

The Governor concurs with this view. I have the honour to be Sir,

Your most obedient servant
W. H. Marsh,
Colonial Secretary.

18, Bank Buildings, June 24th, 1884.

Sir,—Referring to your letter to me of the 3rd April last (No. 366) regarding the removal of the Clock Tower and wherein you say the consideration of the removal of the Clock Tower should be deferred until the new Peddar's Street Wharf shall have been taken in hand, I observe that it is in contemplation of bringing forward in the estimates a sum of money for the purpose of building a new Peddar's Wharf.

I would now ask that in such estimates a sum of money be included for the removal and rebuilding of such Clock Tower. I may mention that I am continually being asked by the townspeople when the Clock Tower is to be removed and that it is the wish of everyone that such an obstruction be removed.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Sd.) Matthew J. D. Stephens.

The Honorable Frederick Stewart, L. L. D. Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong 30th June 1884.

Sir, In answer to your letter of the 26th instant on the subject of the Clock Tower, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor refer you to Letter No. 366 of the 3rd April last from this office. I have to honour to be

Your most obedient servant
Frederick Stewart,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

18, Bank Buildings, June 2nd, 1885.

Sir,—That the Peddar's Street Wharf is now about being taken in hand I am desirous of referring you to your letter to me of the 3rd April 1884 wherein you say that the consideration of the removal of the Clock Tower should be deferred until the new Peddar's Street Wharf should have been taken in hand.

The removal would be a great improvement to the Colony that one continuous Street should run from Peddar's Wharf into the Queen's Road opening up the traffic which is at present greatly impeded.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Sd.) Matthew J. D. Stephens.

The Honorable W. H. Marsh, C.M.G. Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd June 1885.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of to-day, I am directed by the Governor to inform you, that His Excellency agrees with you that the removal of the Clock Tower from its present position would be a great improvement; but he is, at the same time unable to ignore the fact that this was built by public subscription, and the removal would no doubt give offence to some of the subscribers.

I am to add however, that there is no money at present available for the purpose of its removal.

I have the honour to be Sir,—
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) J. H. Stewart Lookhart,

Colonial Secretary, 18 Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 22 1888.

Sir, I have been desired by several of the gentlemen who signed the petition to Sir George Bowen, dated March 1884, praying for the removal of the Clock Tower from its present site at the junction of Peddar's Hill and Queen's Road, to refer you to the letter of the Honble. W. H. Marsh, the late Colonial Secretary, dated 3rd April 1884, with reference thereto wherein it is stated "The consideration of its removal should be deferred until the new Peddar's Street wharf shall have been taken in hand, and until the urgently required sanitary other public works now in progress shall have been completed."

Since the petition referred to was presented over four and a half years have elapsed, and the several matters therein referred to have been completed. The traffic in the Queen's Road having in the meantime greatly increased, the Tower impedes traffic very considerably, and it is often dangerous crossing the road, when chairs and vehicles come from the other side of the Tower unobserved. The conditions of its usefulness too have become entirely changed, by houses having been built in various directions, and trees having grown up along the Queen's Road that at present time the clock can be seen from very few points.

I am, Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Sd.) Matthew J. D. Stephens

The Honorable Frederick Stewart, L. L. D. Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong Dec. 28, 1888.

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Governor, to inform you that His Excellency regrets his inability to entertain your application for the removal of the Clock Tower from its present position.

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Britomart	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Yangtze
Odinus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Onrub	Water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Olio	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	8	5,700	Lt.-Com. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. O. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brickenden	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lt.-Com. Boddam Whetham	Hongkong
Kent	1st class cruiser	9,000	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt O.S.I.	Hongkong
Kinsha	River gunboat	618	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtze
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. O. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. G. O. Cayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	1st class cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Barttelot	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Nightingale	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Hongkong
Otter	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Ribble	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. R. Chambers	Canton
Robin	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Rosario	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Sandpiper	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. S. Hutton	Hongkong
Taku	Torpedo-boat destroyer	350	6	6,000	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	—	Comdr. R. H. Anstruther C.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cotrell	Dormer Yangtze
Uk	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Canton
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Hongkong
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	6	5,000	Com. R. Neville	Hongkong
Whigeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. C. Botrett	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
C. 36	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
C. 37	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
C. 38	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
T.B. 035	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Stileman	Hongkong
T.B. 037	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Kaiser Franz	Joseph I	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hauta	Shanghai
French.							
Dupleix	**	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Shanghai
Kleber		Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,600	Capt. Gours	Hongkong
Decidee		Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus		River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante		Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jervillier	Canton
Peiho		Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree		Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutemps	Tehon-kin
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.							
Lynx		Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bollaix	Saigon
Protee		Submarine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Styr	*	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde		Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville		Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistolet		Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet		Destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche		Surveying-ship	1,825	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Commodore Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.							
German.							
Emden		Cruiser	3,800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Swatow
Gneisenau		Armoured cruiser	11,800	36	26,000	Captain Brunningshaus	Tsingtau
Ullis		Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar		Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig		Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luchs		Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg		Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otter		River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Firle	Yangtze
Scharnhorst		Flagship	11,800	36	26,000	Capt. Bosing	Shanghai
S. 90		Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lt. Berrenberg	Tsingtau
Taku		Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Oblt. z. S. Claassen	Tsingtau
Tiger		Gunboat	800	10	1,350	Comdr. Becker	Tsingtau
Taigtau		River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. Frhr. Spehr v. Schulzburg	Canton
Vaterland		River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria		Italian cruiser	2,145	—	—	Com. Sommi Picenardi	Shanghai

Portuguese.

Adamastor	Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Annibal de S. Dias	Hongkong
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Luiz A. de Magalhães Correa Macao	

UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign G. Bradford	Cavite
A-4	"	—	—	—	Ensign W. H. Pastley	"
A-6	"	—	—	—	Ensign H. L. Rahel Daffer	"
A-7	"	—	—	—	Ensign O. M. Yates	"
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. A. Spruance	Cavite
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. C. M. Keller	"
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign Woodson	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. J. V. Chase	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign F. T. Berry	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign F. Cogswell	"
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. V. R. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,990	6	3,000	Com. W. C. Cole	Olongapo
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,277	Com. W. C. Cole	"
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	—	Ensign P. J. Peyton	Cavite
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,000	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Com. C. W. Cole	Cavite
Queros	Gunboat	360	2	208	Ensign O. St. A. Botsford	Shanghai
Rainbow	Cruiser	4,360	14	1,800	Lt. Com. D. W. Warabaugh	Swatow
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lieut. G. O. Dickman	Shanghai
Saratoga**	Cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Wiley	Shanghai
Villalobos	Gunboat	870	9	208	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	462	—	650	Chief B'wain. B. O. Halliwell	Olongapo

** U. S. S. Saratoga Flagship Rear-Admiral R. F. Nicholson, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, temporarily

THE CLOCK TOWER.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Frederick Stewart, Colonial
Secretary.
M.J.D. Stephens Esq.

P.L.B. 472-474

February 5, 1893.

Sir,
I venture to address you regarding the removal of the Clock Tower with a hope that for the benefit of the public and traffic, it may be removed without further delay or loss of time.

On the 28th March 1884, I forwarded to the Colonial Secretary a petition numerously signed by the merchants, bankers and residents of Hongkong, praying for the removal and it was at that time considered by the then Governor that the removal would be a great improvement.

Fourteen years will have elapsed, next month, since March 1884, and still the Clock Tower stands impeding the growing traffic to the danger both of the pedestrian and the Ricksha.

It is only since 1884 and after the petition referred to was sent in that the Ricksha has been used in Hongkong to any extent as at that time there were only one or two known private ones. More space is consequently required in the Streets. Besides, since this time the traffic has still increased and is growing yearly and the Streets are more used by Europeans on foot.

I have found when walking across the Queen's Road at this point, proceeding between the Post Office and Clock Tower towards the Praya, a Ricksha will be following at a pace in the rear and another Ricksha at the same time coming up Peddar's Street, passing close to the passenger at the point referred to. The Ricksha in the rear advancing on the left and the pedestrian being unable to avoid the Ricksha coming from the Praya, not being in a position to see it, it becomes a close shave whether he will not be collided against. At night time between dark and nine o'clock the position becomes worse.

Again with regard to carriages approaching towards the main entrance in Peddar's Street of the Hongkong Hotel from Queen's Road or vice versa it is practically impossible for the pedestrian to pass by a carriage when between the Clock Tower and the Verandah of the Hongkong Hotel. Even when this is so a Chinaman will persist in pushing his way through while the carriage is in motion, much to the annoyance of the occupants of the carriage and a Chinaman who should happen to be injured in this position, the driver of the carriage would necessarily be brought to account.

The Clock itself I have been informed was given by the late Mr Douglas Lapraik. Few of the present residents of Hongkong would know even that the Clock had been given to the Colony by Mr Lapraik. The large stained glass window over the Communication table in the Chancel of St John's Cathedral was erected to the memory of this gentleman and his memory will thus be still perpetuated even after the removal of the Clock Tower. Light and air are shut out materially from the houses opposite and at the side of the Tower including the portion of the Hotel and the tenants occupying the surrounding shops and offices have for a long time been enquiring when will the obstruction be removed.

When the time arrives that the Clock Tower is removed the wonder will be how was it that it was not removed before.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

(Sd.) Matthew J. D. Stephens.

Public Work Department No 104.

Public Works Office.

Hongkong, 8 February, 1893.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant regarding the removal of the Clock Tower from its present position and to say that I shall have much pleasure in forwarding your letter to Government for favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. D. Ormsby,
Director of Public Works.
M. J. D. Stephens, Esq.

Government of Hongkong

December 2.

Dear Mr Stephens,
Thanks very much for sending me the enclosed letters and copy of petition regarding the removal of the Clock Tower.

One of the obstacles then in the way, namely the fear of hurting the feelings of some of the original subscribers, would be less after the lapse of years since 1884. I think the new courts should have a clock tower and the old one removed altogether.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. D. Ormsby,
Surveyor General.

CAN MERCHANT SHIPS BE ARMED?

Further Interchange of Views.

There has been a further exchange of views between representatives of the Admiralty and certain of the shipping lines respecting the proposals for the arming of merchant ships; but the conversations were of quite an informal character. The companies which were again approached expressed their willingness to fall in with the scheme as far as possible, but there is a strong feeling that before much can actually be done certain points should be cleared up. The points involved are, first, questions of international law. Owners want to know definitely what the attitude of hostile men-of-war would be towards armed merchant ships. If there is any risk that such merchant vessels might be regarded by an enemy as privateers the owners will certainly think very seriously before committing themselves to the scheme. In this question they have to consider their relationship to their underwriters and to the shippers of cargo. If and when such points as these are satisfactorily answered progress will, no doubt, be made; but in some quarters there is an idea that the plan is still far from completion, and in others the feeling is by no means one of enthusiasm.

There is no escape, though, from Mr Churchill's argument that unarmed British ships would be at the mercy of foreign merchantmen converted, perhaps on the high seas, into armed ships. One of the practical difficulties in the way of the arming of merchantmen which owners are now beginning to realize is the question of port regulations. As a rule port authorities prohibit vessels from lying alongside wharves or docking with explosives on board, and it would seem that before British armed vessels could violate these rules the permission of a great many authorities of various nationalities would have to be obtained. The example of the Port of London is a rather stringent one in this respect, for vessels have discharge even their rockets and blue lights before docking.

This question of port regulations applies to the whole mercantile marine, but the other matters are rather for individual owners. The upper decks of merchantmen have not been built with firing in view, and investigation would have to be made in each case to decide whether the decks would be strong enough to bear the recoil. Another point which some owners are raising is the adequate training of the crews.

It must be admitted that, at present at any rate, little enthusiasm for the scheme is to be found among shipping authorities generally. Some would thoroughly approve of the equipment of all new liners with gun platforms, but they fear that the actual mounting of the guns may be regarded as provocative, and the prospect of the arming of all first-class liners, with the possibility of "misunderstandings" and "incidents," is not considered a pleasing one.

The Somerset.

The 2nd Bn., Somerset Infantry, on transfer from North China to India next trooping season, will be quartered at Quetta. The previous arrangement was that that battalion was to go to Lebong near Darjeeling.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Commodore Gaunt.

Captain E. F. Gaunt, O. M. G., who has been appointed Commodore, 2nd class, in command of the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, in succession to Rear-Admiral S. E. Erskine, is 28th in the seniority list of his rank and has been in command of the battleship "Superb" since September 22, 1911. Captain Gaunt, who was Commissioner and Superintendent Transport Officer at Weihaiwei during the Boxer outbreak, was mentioned in General Gaselee's despatches and received the thanks of the Austrian and German Commanders-in-Chief for his services, besides, acknowledgments from the British Admiralty for his work in China, was afterwards rewarded by the C.M.G. being conferred upon him. In December, 1903, he commanded a landing party at Durbo, Somaliland, to avenge the death of an Italian Lieutenant, being severely wounded, and receiving the thanks of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, and the Italian medal "For valour."

H.M.S. New Zealand.
It is estimated that 65,000 people visited the battle-cruiser New Zealand when she was at Wellington. The chiefs presented Captain Halsey with a Maori battle-axe, a kiwi robe, and other ornaments and heirlooms. Native gifts were also made to Prince George of Battenberg, who is a sub-lieutenant on the cruiser, and the Earl of Carlisle, who is a midshipman.

The Worcestershire's Plate.
Leaving England thirteen years ago, the sergeants' mess of the Worcestershire Regiment warehoused its silver plate and trophies, but those responsible died abroad, and on the regiment's return the property could not be traced. One chest out of the three has just been found with the Junior Army and Navy Stores, but the whereabouts of the others is unknown.

Straits Army Estimates.
Commenting on the Singapore army estimates the "L. and C. Express" says:—As regards the Straits Settlements, the establishment remains practically stationary in numbers at 2,504, whilst the estimated expenditure is slightly less at £185,800. We may note that the military contributions made by the Colonies of Hongkong and the Straits have automatically risen considerably, the former advancing £30,000, to £15,000, and the latter as much as £53,000 to £270,000. Apart from any gratification which may be derived from the consciousness that they are thus paying a substantial amount towards Imperial defence, the members of those colonies may endeavour to find comfort in the fact that the higher military contributions testify to their growing revenues and increasing prosperity.

Australian Cadets Heavily Fined.
A number of cadets were before the Police Court at Broken Hill N.S.W. last month, charged with breaches of the Defence Act. A majority of them were fined £3, with 6s costs, or one month's custody. One was fined £2 and 2s costs, or three weeks; and one was fined £5 and costs, or two months.

Major S. C. Long.

Major S. C. Long, Rifle Brigade, who has been on half pay since giving up the appointment of commandant, School of Signalling, Aldershot, in July last, has been brought on the establishment on absorption. This officer, says the "Free Press," was Garrison Adjutant when the 1st Battalion R. B. (Col. Norcott) was in Singapore.

Mishap to the s.s. Yu Shun.
The C.M.S.N. Co's s.s. Yu-shun lost her propeller while going up the Peiho River last Thursday week and arrived at Tientsin with the assistance of a tug.

Appointed to Bounding Commission.
Captain E. S. Toppin, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been selected for service with the Peruvian Boundary Commission, with the temporary rank of Major whilst so employed. Major Toppin was a popular young Subaltern with the 2nd Battalion 5th (Northumberland) Fusiliers, while stationed in Singapore.

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, May 8, 1913.

BUTCHER MEAT.

	Ota.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut,—Mei Lung Pa	lb. 18
" Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	" 18
" Roast,—Shiu	" 18
" Breast,—Nagu Lam	" 12
" Soup,—Tong Yuk	" 15
" Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	" 18
" do.—Sirloin Coton—Ngau Lau	" 28
" Sausages,—Ngau Chung	" 20
Bullock's Brains—Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh,—Ngau Li	each 45
" do.—corned,—Ham Ngau Li	" 55
" Head,—Ngau Tan	" 60
" Heart,—Ngau Sam	" 12
" Hump, Salt,—Ngau Kin	" 15
" Feet,—Ngau Kaak	" 8
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yi	" 9
" Tail,—Ngau Mei	" 18
" Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb. 12
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	" 6
Calvo Head & Feet,—Ngau-chai-ian-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop,—Young Pei Kwat	lb. 25
" Leg,—Young Pei	" 25
" Shoulder,—Young Shau	" 22
Pigs Chitlings,—Chu Chong	" 27
" Brains,—Chu Know	per set 2
" Feet,—Chu Kark	lb. 12
" Fry,—Chu Chak	" 30
" Head,—Chu Tau	" 18
" Heart,—Chu Sum	each 10
" Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	" 8
" Liver,—Chu Con	lb. 24
Pork Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	" 23
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	" 27
" Leg,—Chu Pa	" 24
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yu	" 24
Sheep Head and Feet,—Tau Kark	set 65
" Heart,—Young Sum	each 9
" Kidneys,—Young Yiu	" 9
" Liver,—Young Con	lb. 25
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Cha	" 22
Suet, Beef,—Sang Ngau Yau	" 18
" Mutton,—Sang Young Yau	" 25
Veal,—Ngau Chai Yuk	" 18
" Sausages,—Ngau Chai Chung	" 28

POULTRY.

	Ota.
Chicken,—Kai Chai	lb. 34
Capon, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	" 33
Ducks,—Ap	" 24
Musks,—Li Yu	each 24
Doves,—Pan Kau	" 24
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb. 36
" Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	" 32
Geese,—Ngai	" 24
Geese, Wild,—Shang-ho Yee Ngai	" 24
Musks,—Wong Kong	each 24
Hare, Shanghai,—Yu Chai	" 70
Partridge,—Chu Khoo	" 70
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	pair 32
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kup	each 18
" Hoihow,—Hoi How Pak Kup	" 23
Quail,—Um-Chun	" 23
Rice Birds,—Wo Fa Cheul	dozen 22
Snipe,—Sa-Choy	each 22
Turkeys, Cook,—Phor Kai Kung	lb. 60
" Han, Na	" 45
Wild Ducks, Shai,—Shang hoi Sui Ap	" 45
" Tail,—Sui Ap Chai	" 45
Wild Ducks Canton,—Sang-Shing Sui Ap	" 45

FISH.

	Ota.
Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb. 15
Bream,—Bin Yu	" 15
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	" 20
Carp,—Li Yu	" 20
Catfish,—Chik Yu	" 11
Codfish,—Man Yu	" 13
Crabs,—Hoi	" 14
Outle Fish,—Muk Yu	" 16
Dab,—Sa Mang Yu	" 15
Eel,—Wong Mei Lun	" 15
Dog Fish,—Tit Ta Se	" 15
Eels, Congor,—Hoi Mann	" 15
" Fresh water,—Tam Sin Yu	" 24
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	" 32
Mullet,—Tien Kai	" 32
Grouper,—Sok Pan	" 55
Gudgeon,—Pak Kup Yu	" 12
Herrings,—Tao Pak	" 16
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kup	" 17
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	" 17
Loach,—Wu Yu	" 32
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	" 32
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	" 16
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	" 28
Mullet,—Chai Yu	" 18
Oysters,—Sang Hoo	" 24
Parrotfish,—Kai Kung Yu	" 16
Perch,—Tao Loo	" 15
Pike,—Fa Faw Poong	" 9
Plaice,—Pan Yu	" 17
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	" 20
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chong	" 28
Prawns,—Ming Ha	" 48
Ray,—Fai Pa Se	" 15
Rock Fish,—Sok Ki Kung	" 15
Roach,—Chun Yu	" 24

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Salmon,—Ma Yan Y	lb. 24
Shark,—Sa Yu	" 9
Skate,—Po Yu	" 10
Shrimps,—Ha	" 28
Snapper,—Lap Yu	" 22
Soles,—Tat Sa Yu	" 20
Tench,—Wan Yu	" 18
Turbot,—Cho How Yu	" 18
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kork Yu	" 58
White Bait,—Ngau Yu Chai	" 1

FRUITS.

	Ota.
Almonds,—Hung Yau	lb. 28
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	" 25
" (Chafoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 25
" Small,—Hoi Tong	" 25
" Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each 1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 7
" (brides), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	" 3
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Fong Lut	" 14
Carambola,—Young Tse	" 10
Cocconuts,—Yeh Tse	each 10
Lemons, China,—Ning Moong	lb. 8
" America,—Kum San Ning Moon	" 8
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	" 25
" Fresh	" 15
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 12
Mango, Manila,—Lui Sung Mong	" 20
Mangosteens,—San Chuk Tse	doz 36
Oranges, (Canton)—San-shing Tim Ching	lb. 8
" Sweet	" 1
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shoot Lay	" 12
" (Canton), Cooking,—Sa Lay	" 12
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	" 12
Persimmons Large,—Hung Chie	" 12
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Poon Ti Paw Law	each 1
" 2nd	" 1
Plantain,—Tai Chou	lb. 3
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	" 6
Pumpkin, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	each 25
" Shanghai,—Lo Kwai	" 10
Walnuts,—Hop Tuo	lb. 13
" Green,—Sang Hop Tuo	" 13
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 14
Grapes,—Sang Po Tai Tse	lb. 30

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb	8
Cheuk	..	..
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moou Pin Tau	..	10
(French) Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin	..	..
Tau	..	6
Sprout,—Ah Oho	..	6
Long,—Tau Ko	..	5
Beet Root,—Hung Chai Tau	..	6
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuen	..	6
Red,—Hung Ker	..	10
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy	..	12
Cabbage Red,—Hung Yee Choy	..	8
Cabbage, Shanghai,—Yeh Chai	..	12
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	..	lb.
Cauliflower, Large size,—Tai Yeh Oho Fa	..	each
Medium size,—Cheung Yeh Oho Fa	..	..
Small size,—Sai Yen Chai Fa	..	6
Carrots,—Kam Shun	..	lb.
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Chai	..	6
English,—Young Kan Chai	..	6
Chillies Dried,—Gon Lat Chin	..	25
Red,—Hung Par Chin	..	15
Green,—Ching Lat Chin	..	10
Curry Staff, English,—Kar Lee Chu Liu	..	6
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	..	12
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	..	8
Garlic,—Que Tan	..	8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	..	6
old,—Lo Keung	..	12
Horse Radish, Shanghai,—Lai Kan	..	6
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	..	each 5
Lettuce,—Young Sang Chai	..	1
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	..	lb. 5
Mandarin,—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	..	8
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Kwai Oho Koo	..	..
Muah Melon. Amer.—Kam-sat Hong Kwa.	..	each 12
Okroos,—	..	lb 10
Onions Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	..	8
Green,—Sang Chong	..	6
Shanghai,—Shang-hoi Chong Tau	..	10
Papaya, 1st qual,—Tai Man San Kuo	..	each 10
2nd Ohung	..	8
Parsley,—Kun Oho	..	6
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	..	lb. 8
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu	..	7
Shanghai,—Shang-hoi Shu Tse	..	..
Japan,—Yut I'oon Shu Tse	..	8
American,—Fai Ki Shu Tse	..	8
Koochow,—Foo chow Shu Tai	..	2
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	..	..
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tai	..	10
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	..	7
Sage,—Tse So	..	6
Shallots,—Gon Chung Tau	..	7
Spinach,—Yin Chai	..	8
Tomatoes,—Fan Ker	..	6
Turnips,—Wu Tau	..	6
Fung, (Long)—Lo Pak	..	12
English,—Young Lo Pak	..	12
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	..	6
(Americans)—Kam-san Chit Kwa
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Cho	..	12
Lily root,—Lan Ngau	..	12
ams,—Lai Shu

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1913.

AGAINST EARLY RETIREMENTS.

One of the late telegrams printed in our issue of Monday announced that Mr. Josephus Daniels, the United States Secretary for War, has declared against early retirements from Government service when the officers who propose to retire are in good health. This is a question to which every civilised Government has, in late years, devoted much serious discussion and thought, and the nearest that even the most thoughtful and the most judicious have got to a settlement of the difficulty is to admit that it is impossible to lay down an inflexible rule. For, obviously, there is no regular relationship between years and experience, or between years and ability. Some people have never had any childhood, but have gone straight from the cradle to manhood or womanhood; others, on the contrary, will never grow up if they live to be four score; and, even neglecting those two extreme cases, we have to own that, in not one per cent. of all intermediate cases, is a man's sum of years any necessary guarantee of his usefulness or non-usefulness.

The prevailing preference, in all walks in life, for the "young" man can probably be traced to two main causes. In the first place, it may be taken as the opposite swing (doubtless based on costly experience) of public opinion from the almost superstitious associating of the idea of age with that of wisdom, to which the world clung so jealously from patriarchal times to within a century of our own days. (Surely the old Roman word *senatus*, and its survival in British University, and French and American Government, phraseology is not without its significance here.) Secondly, and more evidently, the preference is due to a general recognition of the fact that, since life moves nowadays at a greater rate than formerly, years tell more quickly on the human constitution; so that the twentieth century man of sixty is appreciably older than the eighteenth or nineteenth century man of that age. These two factors, working together, have convinced society—or at least no inconsiderable portion of it—that the old man should be regarded as "out of it," a cumber of the ground; a clog on the wheel; and no amount of supplying of instances of great men who have kept their mental and bodily vigour up to a great age—Gladstone, Bismarck, Leo XIII, Huxley, Tennyson, Emerson, Tolstoi, and scores of others whom one could quote—will apparently alter that belief.

But the time will come—and that soon—when all who have the welfare of their own particular country at heart, will acknowledge that it is quite out of man's power to draw a definite line at which any individual's period of usefulness ends; and then we shall hear no more of the cry "too old at forty," or of any ordinance to compel a general, a judge, an admiral or a politician to retire at a certain age. Enforced retirement at (say) sixty-five may sound well in theory; but Lord Kitchener will be that age in another couple of years. If, in two years' time, England should be engaged in another war, how many of us would be content to see our greatest general shelved, and labelled as no use? A public man's retirement should be settled by the vote of a really responsible committee; a committee that will allow a nonagenarian to keep office if he can still benefit the State by so doing; and that will, without allowing itself to be influenced by sentiment or favour, waste no words in cashiering even the man of forty the moment he proves himself incompetent.

That Lukong.

Yesterday afternoon, on looking out from the windows of the "Telegraph" office, we observed a Lukong on duty in the road below. We heaved a sigh of contentment and returned to our work, for we felt secure; the "Telegraph" was in safe keeping. An hour or so later, as we were leaving the office, we noticed that the guardian of law and order was still at his post, apparently as faithful to his trust as the boy who stood on the burning deck. But, looking more closely at him, we saw that his eyes were closed, and, as we drew nearer, a gentle—what shall we say?—stertorous breathing, was distinctly audible from his direction. The dear man was sleeping as peacefully as a child in its mother's arms! We stood still, wondering how long he would continue to sleep. Unhappily some ribald coolies, tickled to death at our astonishment at what was, to them, evidently a common sight, burst into a chorus of laughter; and the sleeper awoke, rubbed his eyes, and, with an injured air, moved a little lower down the road.

The Raid on Beggars.

Fortunately for the Colony, the European, and most of the Indian, members of the police force are made of more energetic stuff. Apropos, we offer our congratulations to the sergeant who, on Monday, brought sixteen beggars before Mr. Melbourne at the Police Court. This was a pretty good haul, and we hope, to hear that one similar is made within the next few days. If a census of Hongkong beggars, sturdy or decrepit, could be taken, we fancy the authorities would experience some amount of surprise. Many of these are doubtless new comers from Canton, but a fair number would be found to be old offenders, of at least eighteen months' standing. The latter have, in many cases, their regular beat or pitch, and so could easily be "gathered in." The "five dollars or a month" inflicted on those taken during last week-end will be a warning to the more timorous; but there are others whose boldness will only be damped by their receiving a similar sentence.

Another Nuisance.

Reference was made in a special article yesterday to some of the distractions which the public of the Colony has to endure in consequence of the non-enforcement of the law. There is another grievance which has to be aired; it is one which is most keenly felt in Kowloon, where, at the present time, many building projects are being carried out. We refer to the screeching of wheelbarrows which almost every day file up, and down the principal thoroughfare of Kowloon in processional order. The matter has been referred to this column before, and we only return to it because of complaints which have reached us during the past few days, when, apparently, the nuisance has become more pronounced than ever. Those who happen to live anywhere near the main street are, we are told, almost driven to distraction by the incessant screeching of the barrows. All that is needed to remedy the evil is the application of a little grease or oil or even soap, to the axle of the barrow; but such an idea would never enter the head of the Chinese labourer, for whom noises of every kind seem to have a peculiar attraction.

Effect of Ragtime.

It was with a sigh of relief that the heading "Ragtime Barred at Harvard" caught our eye in an American journal recently. We jumped to the conclusion—a hasty one, so it transpired—that this abominable development was at length being appraised at its true value; but when we read on, we gathered that the syncopated strains have been barred because they have been costing the Memorial Hall of the University named too much in broken crockery. When the ragtime begins, the coloured waiters have been unable to resist the sounds and have attempted to juggle their trays to the strains, with smashing results, while the students have added to the damage by rattling their knives and forks on the dishes in keeping time with the orchestra, chipped crockery being the result. It is good to read, however, that the twelve hundred students will still have music with their meals, but not of the ragtime variety.

DAY BY DAY.

We are not put here merely to enjoy ourselves; it was not God's purpose.

The Mails.

German Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Sobarnhorst this afternoon.

Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Chenan this morning.

German Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Prinz Ludwig at 10 a.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Sobarnhorst at 5 p.m. to-day.

Gunboat Sails.

The German gunboat Itis sailed yesterday morning.

Left for Home.

Among the passengers who left for Home to-day by the s.s. Palawan were Major and Mrs. Tulloch and family.

Troops Back.

Lieut. Tod with 50 men of the R.G.A. and Royal Engineers arrived back to-day by the s.s. Kueichow from Tientsin.

Found Drowned.

A coolie employed at the cow sheds at Tai Hang Village was found drowned in one of the washing tanks near the village, yesterday.

Silk Delivery.

The cargo of raw silk shipped on board the s.s. Ernest Simons, which left this port on the 22nd April 1913, was delivered in Lyons on the 24th May 1913.

Plague.

Five cases of plague have been notified during the 24 hours ended at noon to-day, and four deaths. The total number of cases since January 1st is now 96.

Assaulted the Police.

The three New Zealand Chinese named Lopp, brothers, charged with assaulting the police whilst being searched on board a steamer, were each fined \$10, by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

The Snatcher.

A school girl was, according to the police report, seized by a man as she was going to school, on the second floor of 20, Aberdeen Street, and had her bangle stolen from her. The girl shouted, but the man got away.

Poor Memory.

A man prosecuted by Mr. Tramman, Head of the Sanitary Department, for causing an obstruction told Mr. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning that he did not remember being fined \$5 last September. He was now fined \$7.

Special Sermon.

We are asked to state that, by special request of the Bishop, a sermon will be preached at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception after Benediction on Friday afternoon, by the Rev. J. M. Tour, M.A., of the *Missiones Extraneas*. All are invited to attend.

Royal Dutch Dividend.

Messrs Wright and Hornby inform us that they have received the following cable from London this morning:—"Royal Dutch will pay a dividend at the rate of 40 per cent. against 19 per cent. last year. Shares, final expected to be 5/- per share." The market value today was 115/- Middle.

MARINE COURT.

Using a Licence for Another Vessel.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court, this morning, before Commander Basil Taylor R.N., Chang Ng, was charged with attempting to use a licence for a vessel other than the vessel therein specified, which had not been lawfully obtained.

It was stated that the defendant brought the licence to the harbour office to be renewed and the offence was thus discovered.

The defendant, who said the boat was the same but that, the brand not being distinct, he had cut the number in, was fined \$5.

Kwok Chin, master of the s.s. Sun Sam, was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights while under way in the Harbour and was fined \$25.

On Kwai, master of the s.s. On Fung, for using his steam-whistle for purposes other than for navigation, at 5.40 a.m. in the Harbour was fined \$10, while for a similar offence, Chan Tong of the s.s. Kwong Sang, was fined a like amount.

THE CLOCK TOWER.

An Interesting Correspondence Dating from 1884

In view of the demolition of the Clock Tower the correspondence on the subject which follows, and which extends over a period of nearly fourteen years, will be read with interest. It shows that the arguments recently advanced against the Clock Tower were far from new and had been employed nearly thirty years ago:—

2 Club Chambers,

Hongkong,

March 28th, 1884.

Sir,—I have the honour of forwarding for presentation to His Excellency the Governor a Memorial by the Inhabitants of Hongkong for the removal of the Clock Tower.

It has been numerously signed by the principal Inhabitants and I could have obtained many more signatures had I canvassed further, but it was considered to be sufficient.

The Petition makes no reference for replacing the Clock Tower elsewhere.

It should be clearly understood however that the Inhabitants are not willing to do away with the Clock entirely but ask that another spot be found for it.

Several places have been suggested namely—1. At the foot of Peddar's Street or near to the proposed new Iron Pier. 2. On Peddar's Hill near to the Water Tanks above the lower portion of Wyndham Street, or 3rd Surmounting the new market, but doubtless the Honourable the Surveyor General will be better able to fix an appropriate site.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Sd.) Matthew J. D. Stephens.

The Honourable

W. H. Marsh, C. M. G.

Colonial Secretary

Hongkong.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir George Bowen, Knight, Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same:—

The Humble Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Colony of Hongkong Humbly Sheweth:—

1. The Clock Tower in the Queen's Road at the top of Peddar's Hill is inconveniently situated being an obstruction to traffic.

2. It is built upon and over the line of foot pavement leading from the corner of the Hongkong Hotel to the corner of the foot pavement fronting the Post Office and the line of foot passenger traffic on that side of the Queen's Road is in consequence forced into the carriage Road and passenger traffic thereby becomes greatly impeded and oftentimes dangerous by passing chairs and vehicular traffic.

3. In passing from the Queen's Road to the Praya down Peddar's Hill or Street the Clock Tower is a great obstruction as it takes up the greater portion of the roadway leaving but a comparatively small opening on either side thereof for chairs or vehicles to pass.

4. Your Memorialists understand that a previous Governor of this Colony seriously intended removing the Clock Tower but from some cause unknown to Your Memorialists the intention was abandoned.

5. There are several sites in the Colony where a Clock Tower could be more universally seen than in its present position.

6. It would be a great advantage to new arrivals in the Colony if the Clock Tower were replaced by an ornamental design combining both a cluster of Gas Lamps and Street Indicators.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray:—

1. That the Clock Tower be removed from its present site.

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INTERPORT SHOOTING.

Some Circumstances Which Handicap Hongkong Riflemen.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

The relatively poor showing which Hongkong has made this year in the Interport rifle shoot has been the subject of much comment by local riflemen, and various reasons have been advanced to explain the fact. On the actual day of the firing-off, luck was against the team in the matter of weather; but though this circumstance undoubtedly had its effect on the score on this particular occasion, we must go more deeply into the matter if we are to ascertain why Hongkong has been unable in recent years to regain its former prestige in the contests against Shanghai, Singapore and Penang. There are two explanations which most certainly have had a big effect on the question, and some comments may with advantage be made on these at the moment, leaving other points for consideration in a subsequent article. The two reasons are:—

1.—Lack of interest in rifle shooting under Bisley Rules.

2.—Absence of a central body, such as the now defunct Hongkong Rifle Association, open to all-comers.

Service Prejudices.

Let us look into the first point a little closely. It is a fact that the War Office authorities discourage "Bisley" shooting, presumably because it is not in accordance with their ideas of Service requirements, viz:—"snapping" and rapid firing. It therefore naturally follows that the military authorities here have little time or ammunition to spare for any class of shooting other than the recognised musketry practices, and this, do no doubt, accounts for the almost total absence of military representatives at the Interport practices. The War Office idea also extends to the Volunteers, and as qualification in the prescribed musketry course is an important condition of efficiency, it is the chief concern of the commanding officer to get all his men through each year, a task which apparently leaves little time or opportunity for Bisley shooting. With the interest of the Regulars and Volunteers thus restricted, shooting under N. R. A. rules—under which the Interport contests are fired—is left to the Reserves and members of civilian Rifle Clubs. The Reserve shoots are, however, held only about once a month, and then at one distance only on any one day—a circumstance which tends to stifle interest and at the same time affords no opportunity of acquiring experience with differences of elevation from one distance to another, as in the case of a shoot over the range in one afternoon. The two civilian clubs—the Naval Dockyard and Tai-koo—are unfortunately limited in scope, as membership is restricted to employees of the two establishments. Outsiders could probably become honorary members of these clubs, but this would hardly include eligibility to participate in, say, League matches, and practically means that such members could have the benefits of practice only.

A Strong Need.

To take the second point. In the days of the Hongkong Rifle Association there was always a good muster of rifle-men—naval, military as well as civilian—at the week-end shoots. These were sociable gatherings at which the beginners could gain encouragement and advice as to improvement, whilst the "veteran's" interchanged ideas and news on shooting generally. This Association ran the Interport arrangements and, as the honour of representing the Colony was at that time deemed a distinction worth striving for, the competition for places in the team was very keen and interesting. The Hongkong Rifle League, which is not controlled by a committee formed of representatives of the several local shooting units, is a step in the direction of combination. Given financial support, there is no reason why this organisation could not extend its usefulness by bringing members of the existing units, such as Volunteers, Reserves, Police and civilian clubs, together in friendly individual competition at least once

in carrying on the duties.

a month on one of the several ranges; preferably King's Park. This would tend to bring out any promising talent and stimulate interest in shooting generally without interfering to any extent with the separate efforts of the units.

In a concluding article on this matter, the following points will be dealt with:—Difficulty in regard to the use of King Park Range; Inferior Rifles; Period fixed for the Match.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

An Idle Rumour.

We are authorised to state that there is no truth whatever in a report which has been spread, to the effect that steps are being taken to build a market on the ground at present occupied by the old Skating Rink and the Empire Cinematograph Theatre. Most Hongkong people are, of course, aware that this particular land is Government property and that, after the Reclamation, it was let out on short leases, in case the Sanitary Board might at any time deem it necessary to use it for an extension of the Central Market. The lease of the Empire Theatre was, we believe, renewed for a further space of two years from November last.

In reserving—or partially reserving—this site for a market extension, should it ever be needed in the distant future, the Government of course had its eye on the fact that, from its being actually on the sea front, the quick landing of perishable goods, fish etc. would be an easy matter. If ever such a market should be built, we venture to those that the plan adopted in Singapore, of having the place open on all sides—i.e. just a roof supported by iron pillars—will be adopted, instead of the closed-up and insufficiently ventilated building which now exists. We believe that the plans for the present Central Market were drawn up by a London architect who had never seen the East at all. At present, however, all this can only be a thing of the future. The Secretary of the Sanitary Board informs us that no provision whatever has been made in the estimates, either for 1913 or for 1914, for any such scheme, and that there is absolutely no foundation for the rumour.

"The story must have got about," he said, "through a misunderstanding as to the extension which we are carrying on at the other market. People in general do not seem to be aware that a new building is being carried up—is, in fact, almost finished—at the back of the Western Market, behind where the wooden temporary buildings and matcha stand. As soon as this is completed, the old shed will be pulled down, and stallholders will find plenty of accommodation in the new addition. Had there been any truth in the other story, we should have been bound to know of it long ago."

TO-DAY'S GREAT QUESTION.

A reader propounds the following: "If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper: how many pickles of pickled pepper did Peter Piper pick?" We refrain from answering, as the matter is still *sub judice*.

AN ASTHMA CURE.

It will be seen from an advertisement in another column that a local gentleman, Mr. A. P. Nobbs, is offering a cure for asthma. As most of our readers know, Mr. Nobbs has been a resident of Hongkong for twenty-five years. He has been one of the principal chemists with Messrs A. S. Watson and has always interested himself in, and experimented towards, securing a cure for asthma. He cured himself of the malady after several years of acute suffering and he now offers his remarkable discovery to the world at large.

On Leave.

Mr. G. G. Seth, the Singapore deputy Public Prosecutor, is indisposed and is, at present, on leave in Java. During his absence Mr. J. O. Sugars, the late acting Legal Adviser of Johore, is carrying on the duties.

INTERPORT RIFLE SHOOTING.

SHANGHAI TEAM LEAD WITH A TOTAL OF 952.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 27.

The Shanghai Team shot off in the Interport Rifle Competition this afternoon. The conditions were in every way favourable to good shooting.

A total of 952 was registered, this being a record score under the new conditions.

[All the competing ports have now shot off, with the exception of Penang. Shanghai leads, Singapore comes next with 931, and Hongkong next with 893. Strangely enough, Shanghai's score is identical with its total of last year, when, however, the team was disqualified for failing to comply with the conditions governing the competition].

HONGKONG HOTEL CASE.

Accountant's Claim for \$198 In Lieu of Notice.

This morning in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Kemp, Paime Judge, the case was contended in which G. F. Soley, accountant, sued the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. to recover \$198, being as to \$18, three days salary in May, and as to \$180, one month's wages board and lodging, in lieu of notice.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, for the defence.

Mr. Beaurepaire, assistant manager of the Hongkong Hotel, said that, at the interview between Mr. Taggart and the plaintiff on April 30, witness was present. It was agreed that there should be 24 hours notice on either side, and the question of extra remuneration for his extra duties as barman would be considered later. The plaintiff was given a drink allowance of an average of \$1 per day, but a dollar more or less at the end of the month would not be minded. Mr. Taggart told plaintiff that the bar was to be closed at midnight. Under that arrangement the plaintiff's duty would be from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m.

The Closing of the Bar.

On the night of May 2 he received a report from the No. 1 private bar boy at 12.15 a.m., and in consequence, he went down to see if the bar was closed. He found that the bar was closed and Mr. Soley had just left and was going towards the office. This was reported to Mr. Taggart on the following morning. Occasionally witness had to go into the bar and see that everything was in order. On an average he did so once a week.

Wine was supplied according to lists signed by Mr. Taggart or witness. The plaintiff's signature on those produced in court was wholly unnecessary: the wine would be issued just the same if he were not there. When the wines were in the bar, the No. 1 bar boy was responsible, and with that matter the plaintiff had nothing whatever to do. Mr. Soley had signed the list for the dining room bar; he had nothing whatever to do with that bar.

An Unnecessary Signature.

There was also a chit for one of Mr. Soley's bills, which he had not signed at all. The signature to the chits was purely a voluntary act and was not part of his duty. The milk book for the Dairy Farm, for the private bar downstairs, was produced to witness. The milk in that book had been issued without the plaintiff's signature, but merely on the Dairy Farm signature. There was another milk book for the public bar downstairs; Mr. Soley had signed that, but it was quite unnecessary. Witness did not know plaintiff had signed, and he should not have been in the bar to do so. Plaintiff had no instructions to sign any of the books or requisitions produced. The cash box key should be taken upstairs every night by the barman to his room, and the No. 1 boy would fetch it from there in the morning, and pay the cash into the hotel's office. There would be no necessity for Mr. Soley to come down in the morning.

Question of Character.

Just before pay day, witness saw Mr. Soley about his salary, but merely to confirm what he had heard. Mr. Taggart was not

well at the time and witness did not care to trouble him. The staff book was locked up at the time.

Mr. Gardiner asked at this stage to be allowed to interpose the evidence of Mr. Goldring as to the plaintiff's character. There was some suggestion, he believed that the plaintiff was drunk.

Mr. Shenton:—Indeed there is; it is part of our case.

Continuing, Mr. Shenton said he did not want to place any obstacles in the way of Mr. Soley.

His Lordship said the evidence could be called later.

Mr. Gardiner:—Since June 1912 the Hongkong Hotel has been very careful to have the terms of service of persons engaged defined in writing?—When persons are engaged permanently.

And all of them are engaged on the understanding as to 24 hours notice?—Yes.

That is in writing?—Yes.

Was Mr. Field permanently engaged?—He was taken on for probation.

And was dismissed within 4 or 5 months?—Yes.

So his employment was not very permanent was it?—Witness gave no answer.

Mr. Field was dismissed, was he not?—Yes.

And then re-engaged?—And then re-engaged and then finally dismissed.

As a permanent employee?—Given another chance.

No Written Agreement.

The next one that appears in the staff book was Mr. Soley. He is entered on April 10, is that so?—Yes.

Is that in your writing?—No; Mr. Taggart's.

There is no written agreement in the case?—No.

Can you explain why there was no written agreement?—I presume he was on trial.

Was Mr. Field not on trial?—No.

But they are all practically on trial; you have the option of dismissing them at 24 hours notice?—Yes; quite so. Twenty-four hours is the usual thing we give.

I put it to you that among the barmen, you don't know their characters, and they have no references in many cases?—That is the reason we make it 24 hours notice.

When was this entry made in the book?—That was made by Mr. Taggart on the day Mr. Soley was engaged.

Are you quite sure?—As far as I can remember.

Did you see him?—No.

Locked up.

The book was left lying about in the office?—No; locked up.

Always locked up?—Except when it was used by Mr. Taggart.

You will be surprised to hear that the plaintiff on the day before his dismissal saw the book in the hotel, lying about the office?—It might have been in Mr. Taggart's office.

The book is apparently well kept. The next entry is the contract, dated May 20, with a gentleman named Da Silva and signed by H. N. Beaurepaire as manager of the Hotel?—That is so.

And the next entry is between Mr. Taggart and Mr. Turnbull, dated May 7, is that so?—Yes.

Will you explain that?—That was because a new Portuguese engineer was taken on trial; he served satisfactorily and we got him to sign up.

Only a Probationer.

He was only a probationer?—Yes.

But he signed on, on May 20 on twenty-four hours notice, and the next is between Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Taggart dated May 7.

Mr. Shenton:—You mean to ask why they are out of order?

Witness:—Which agreement is that?

Mr. Gardiner:—I will show you the book.

Witness:—The man was engaged permanently by Mr. Taggart on a monthly basis.

Mr. Gardiner:—Look at the date; the first date is May 28, and the second is May 26; that is all?—Yes.

How do you explain that the documents get in the wrong order?

His Lordship:—The witness has given the explanation.

Mr. Shenton:—Is my friend suggesting that the entry with regard to Soley is not genuine?

Mr. Gardiner:—Yes; it is genuine. The only point I am going to put is whether Soley's entry of engagement and dismissal was not entered until after his dismissal?—That I cannot confirm, because Mr. Taggart had the matter in hand.

Did you paste the next page in?—Yes.

When did you paste it in?—On May 26.

Was the one for May 7 already pasted in when you pasted in the one on May 26?—Yes.

Witness in answer to Mr. Gardiner detailed the duties of the barman and said he was there to stop trouble.

Mr. Gardiner:—In fact he acted as "chucker out"?—No; he has to call a policeman.

Later Mr. Gardiner reverted to the same subject and asked: Did you not on one occasion send for Mr. Soley to assist you in "chucking" somebody out of the hotel?—No.

Did you not send for him?—Not to throw people out.

Well, to assist people out?—No; my instructions to Mr. Soley were always to send for a policeman.

There was some trouble at the lift; you were present hiding behind a pillar, I understand?—I don't remember.

Won't mention names, but between a gentleman in a bank and a guide?—Yes; that is true.

Did you send for Mr. Soley?—No.

Did Mr. Soley appear on the scene?—I don't know; I could not leave my office. I was not on the scene myself.

Did you see Mr. Soley?—I did not.

Because you were hiding, or what?—I was paying out to the Chinese staff.

At 11 o'clock at night?—That is the time we pay the Chinese staff.

You heard of some trouble?—I heard of it.

Did you not see it going on?—The office is at the back. Mr. White came in and told me about it and I told him to fetch a policeman and have the man removed.

You would have been surprised to hear that Mr. Taggart told him not to get a policeman; it would be the worst thing possible for a hotel to have a policeman on the premises?

Mr. Shenton:—This was not put to Mr. Taggart.

On another occasion there was some trouble in the bar, when Field was there, and did you not ask Mr. Soley to go in and stop the disturbance?—I did not.

Do you remember the trouble?—I do.

Do you know that he subsequently went to the police station?—Yes.

Why did Mr. Soley sign the books and check everything unless he thought it was his duty?—I don't know the reason.

But surely you don't blame him for having taken these precautions and looking after the interests of the company?—No; not at all.

The case was further adjourned.

Gallant Hussar Officer.

Captain E. G. Weldon 8th Hussars, who made such a gallant attempt to save the life of Private Hague, of the same regiment, who was accidentally drowned in the Goomti at Lucknow last October, has been awarded the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society.

General Perrott.

Maj. Gen. Perrott, commanding the Royal Artillery at Gibraltar, and formerly G.O.C. in Singapore, was to give up his command early this month on reaching the age limit. He will remain in Gibraltar as acting Governor during the absence of Sir Archibald Hunter.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—The challenge of Germany has now, and without further delay, to be met. Its extent is unparalleled in history.

The challenge is twofold. It is a twofold challenge to us, directly. A challenge alike by Sea and by Air. It is further through the intended prosecution of Krupp—a challenge to us, indirectly, on Land.

The challenge is not being met in this Court.

In matters Aerial—We have but rarely begun. In matters Naval; by the admission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, we are standing substantially less than the figure which he has himself declared to be essential. In matters Military; the demonstrable inadequacy of the Territorial Force, alike in numbers and in training, is such as to fetter the Nation's Expeditionary Force and to shake the freedom of action of the British Fleet.

Every warning of the Imperial Maritime League has now been justified by the inexorable logic of events; and the First Sea Lord's public admission of the 21st April, that the Fleet is no longer able of itself to fulfil its first function, has given the League an added vindication from the lips of the highest professional and executive naval authority in the country.

Under these circumstances, may I be allowed the courtesy of your columns, to ask your readers to grant this League some portion at least of support, in order that its insistent efforts in the cause of the race may be rewarded with the only reward which the League desires:—The Security of the United Kingdom and the Empire.

The question of National Defence has throughout been treated by the League as one great composite and inter-dependent whole;—the component parts: Naval, Military, and Aerial;—the three a compound unity with a single objective, which is National and Imperial Safety.

The treatment of the question in separate and independent "Sections" or "Watertight compartments" has throughout been condemned by the League as fundamentally and logically unsound;—and it is particularly gratifying to find that the League's policy is now fast securing general acceptance on both sides of politics.

Sir Charles Morrison-Bell has promised £50 to the Special Fund of £3,000, which is being raised for the extension and intensification of the National and Imperial work of the League, provided that nineteen other donors will each give a like amount to this Fund.

Eight such donations have already been received;—and on behalf of the League I would ask those who desire the restoration of National and Imperial Confidence, to come forward and (to such extent as may be with their power) help us in our task.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

L. GRAHAM J. HORTON SMITH, Joint Founder and Honorary Treasurer, Imperial Maritime League, 2 Westminster Palace Gardens, Westminster, London, England. 8th May 1913.

WOOD OIL CASE.

Application for Extension Taken in Chambers.

This morning a sitting of the Full Court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies K. C. and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, was to have been held to consider the application of Mr. E. H. Sharp K. O. appearing for the defendants in the case of W. R. Loxley and Co. v. The Nam Mow Firm, that the time for applying of leave to appeal from the judgment of His Honour, the Puisne Judge, in Summary Jurisdiction on Wednesday May 21 might be extended.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs Hastings and Hastings, instructed Mr. Sharp.

It will be remembered that the original action was brought by Messrs W. R. Loxley and Co., against the Nam Mow, alleging non-delivery of a quantity of wood oil ordered from the defendants. It was alleged that wood oil was delivered which, on analysis, was found to be adulterated. Damages were claimed, and judgment was entered for the plaintiffs.

The matter was taken in chambers and we are informed that an extension of 14 days was granted.

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LOG BOOK.

Silk Delivery.

The silk shipped from Hongkong on April 19th last by O.S.K. steamer "Seattle Maru," was delivered in New York on May 24th a.m.

China Coast Gazette.

Mr D. Palmer, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Kwangohi.

Mr N. Hood, acting chief engineer, Kwangohi, has gone second engineer, Toonan.

Mr W. Fothergill, acting second engineer, Toonan, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr E. Berthe, acting third engineer, Toonan, is awaiting orders.

Mr O. Austin, awaiting orders, has gone second officer, Hainkong.

Mr O. Perran, second officer, Hainkong, is on leave.

Mr L. McWilliams, third engineer, Kwangohi, has gone acting second engineer, Suivo.

Mr W. Croasie, second engineer, Suivo, is awaiting orders.

Mr J. McJames has been appointed third engineer, Kwangohi.

Mr A. S. Allan, from leave, has gone second engineer, Kingsing.

Mr J. Kirkwood, acting second engineer, Kingsing, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr A. McG. Blair, third engineer, Kingsing, is awaiting orders.

Captain Bowker, of the "Lok-sing," is on leave.

Mr S. Findeison, chief officer, Kingsing, has gone acting master, Lok-sing.

Mr F. Sourr, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kingsing.

Mr J. G. Smith, chief officer, Shaoching, has gone chief officer, Wenchow.

Mr W. E. Lamb, chief officer, Wenchow, has gone chief officer, Shaoching.

Mr T. R. Pringle, second engineer, Shaoching, is on leave.

Mr J. B. S. Nuator, third engineer, Shaoching, has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr W. T. Guy, from leave, has gone chief officer, Tatung.

Mr W. Tonkin, chief officer, Tatung, is on reserve.

Mr A. Aldridge, third engineer, Wenchow, has gone third engineer, Linan.

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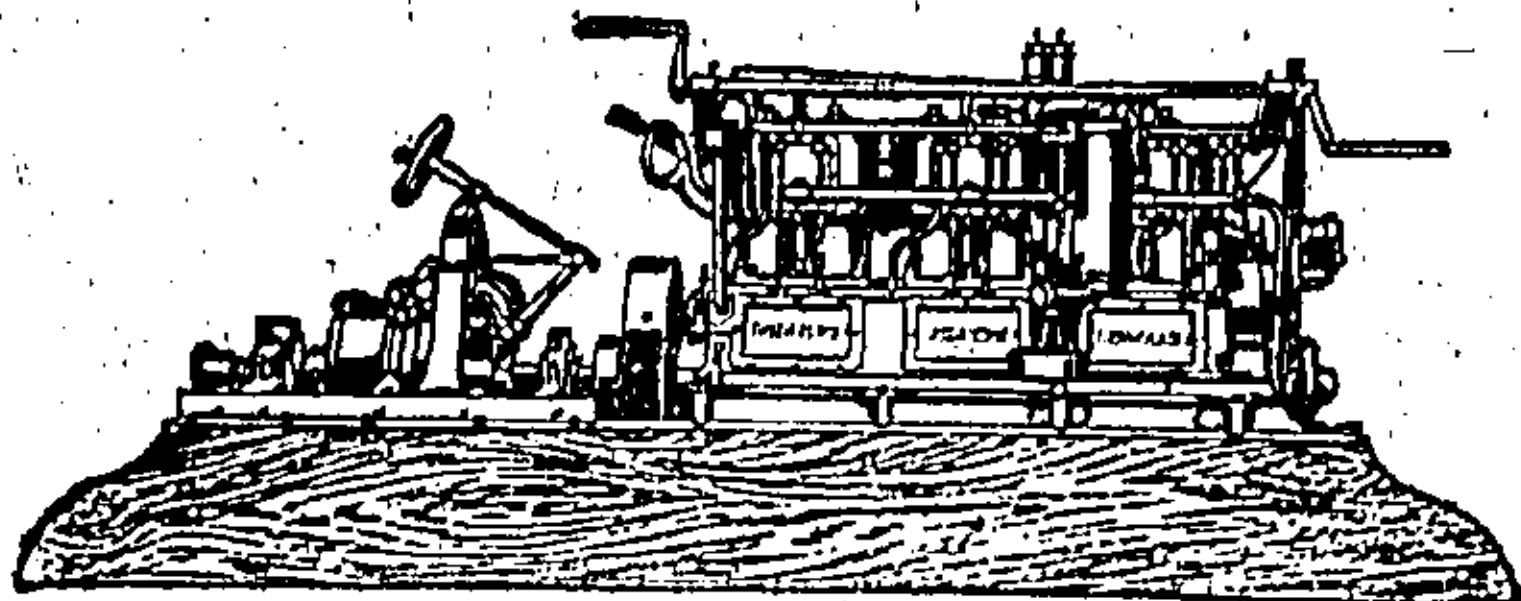
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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
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London and Antwerp	Flintshire	J. M. & Co.	20 July
do do	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	1 August
Havre, Hamburg & Bremen	Segovia	H. A. L.	17 June
Marseilles & Co.	Magellan	M. M. Co.	3 June
do do	Paul Leat	M. M. Co.	17 June
do do	Armand Behic	M. M. Co.	1 July
do do	Atlantique	M. M. Co.	15 July
do do	Ernest Simons	M. M. Co.	20 July
Marseilles & Hamburg, &c.	Sambria	H. A. L.	12 June
Marseilles, London and Antwerp	Glenturret	S. T. & Co.	5 June, about
Marseilles, Havre and Hamburg	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	28 June
Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp	Brasilia	H. A. L.	2 July
Marseilles, Rotterdam and Hamburg	Altmark	H. A. L.	14 July
Havre & Hamburg	Guldenfels	H. A. L.	18 July
Marseilles, London and Antwerp	Kamo Maru	N. Y. K.	14 June
do do	Aki Maru	N. Y. K.	18 June
Rotterdam and Hamburg	Alesia	H. A. L.	11 June
Trieste via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	13 June
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Persia	S. W. & Co.	2 June, about
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, S'ton, Manila	Prinz Ludwig	N. Y. K.	28 May
New York, San Francisco and Canada.			
Boston and New York	Jessie	Bank Line	6 June
Mexican, Peruvian and Chili Ports via Japan	Hongkong Maru	T. K. K.	4 June
do do	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	5 August
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	City of Baroda	S. T. & Co.	29 May, about
San Francisco, etc.	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	17 June
do do	Tenyo Maru	T. K. K.	24 June
New York	Saint Patrick	D. & Co. Ltd.	13 June about
San Francisco via Japan	Nile	P. M. Co.	3 July
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle	Harpagus	J. M. & Co.	29 June, about
Victoria, B.C., & Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tamba Maru	N. Y. K.	3 June
Vancouver via Japan	E. of India	C. P. E. Co.	7 June
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	12 June
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Monteagle	C. P. B. Co.	21 June
Portland, Tacoma and Seattle	Vestalia	J. M. & Co.	17 July
Vancouver, Portland, &c.	O. F. Laeisz	H. A. L.	20 June

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	21 June
do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June
do do	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	14 June
do do	Changsha	B. & S.	18 June
do do	Aldenharn	G. L. & Co.	8 June
do do	Eastern	G. L. & Co.	19 July

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimahi	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjilawong	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
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Japan &c.	Armand Behic	M. M. Co.	1 June
do do	Atlantique	M. M. Co.	15 June
do do	Ernest Simons	M. M. Co.	29 June
do do	Amazona	M. M. Co.	13 July
do do	Australien	M. M. Co.	27 July
Kobe and Moji	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	5 June
Tientsin	Cheongshing	J. M. & Co.	3 June
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Indo Maru	O. S. K.	22 June
do do	Itola	J. M. & Co.	12 June
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Gisel	S. W. & Co.	31 May, about
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Seoby Maru	O. S. K.	28 May
Manila, &c.	Taming	B. & S.	28 May
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	28 May
Swatow	Haiman	D. L. & Co.	28 May
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do do	Loongsang	J. M. & Co.	7 June
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	6 June
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Daiji Maru	O. S. K.	1 June
do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	3 June
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	4 June
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	30 April
Singapore, Penang, & Oslenta	Yatshing	J. M. & Co.	29 May
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Gregory Apar	D. S. & Co. Ltd.	30 May
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	14 June
Shanghai and Japan	Preussen	J. M. & Co.	30 June
do do	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	30 May
do do	Birkenfels	H. A. L.	28 May
do do	Goldenfels	H. A. L.	13 June
do do	C. Ferd Laeisz	H. A. L.	19 June
do do	Silesia	H. A. L.	20 July
do do	Bolgravia	H. A. L.	30 July
do do	Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	5 June
Shanghai	Hangsang	J. M. & Co.	1 June
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	30 May, about
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Canton	A. N. & Co.	7 June, about
Shanghai, Tsingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Tjilatjap	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Tjibodas	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Tjikini	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Soharhorat	M. & Co.	28 May, about
Shanghai	Africa	S. W. & Co.	20 May
do do	Anhui	B. & S.	29 May
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AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. Mongolia left San Francisco for Hongkong via the usual ports of call on the 3rd inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru left Honolulu for Yokohama on the 16th inst., where she is due on the 27th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 6th prox.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left Sydney on the 7th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The S. E. A. s.s. Canton left Port Said on the 12th inst., and may be expected here on the 7th prox.

The S. E. A. s.s. Caylon left Antwerp on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on the 20th prox.

The American and Manchurian Line s.s. Swazi passed the Suez Canal on the 6th inst., for Hongkong direct.

The Bank Line s.s. Boveric sailed from Tacoma on the 6th inst., and is due at Hongkong on the 6th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru leaves Hongkong for South America via Japan Ports and Honolulu on the 4th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru arrives at Salina, Cruz from Callao on the 23rd inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 20th July.

The T. K. K. s.s. Buvo Maru leaves Salina Cruz for Callao on the 23rd inst., and is due here on the 6th prox.

The P. & O. Sunda left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at 5 p.m., and is due here on the 30th inst. at about 7 p.m.

The S. S. Swazi left Singapore on Monday the 26th inst., and is due here on Sunday, 1st June at p.m.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Chunsang from Singapore is due at Hongkong on the 29th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Fausang from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 10th prox.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Cheongshing from Weihaiwei is due at Hongkong on the 30th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Onsang from Shiwantao is due at Hongkong on the 30th inst.

The S. L. s.s. Monmouthshire from London is due at Hongkong on the 17th prox.

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The Agency of the Russian Volunteer Fleet at Hongkong will
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ment at Vladivostok.

Cargo for all European Ports not mentioned in the steamer's
schedule will not be accepted by this Agency.

The s.s. "MOGILEFF" 6200 R. T. Commander Kekouatoff is
expected to arrive in Hongkong about the 4th day of June 1913
HOMEWARDS.

The s.s. "EKATERINOSLAV" 6581 R. T. Commander Tideman,
is expected to arrive in Hongkong about the 17th day of June 1913
HOMEWARDS.

The s.s. "SIMFEROPOL" Outward Bound, is expected to
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"EMPRESS OF ASIA."

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The local office of the C. P. R. Company inform us that the itinerary (as at present arranged) of R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" on her maiden voyage to Hongkong and the Pacific, is as follows:—

Leave Liverpool, Saturday, June 14.
Arrive Madeira, Wednesday, June 18.
Leave Madeira Thursday, June 19.
Arrive Cape Town Wednesday, July 2.
Leave Cape Town Friday, July 4.
Arrive Durban (Port Natal) Sunday, July 6.
Leave Durban Tuesday, July 8.
Arrive Colombo Saturday, June 19.
Leave Colombo Monday, June 21.
Arrive Singapore Friday, June 25.
Leave Singapore Saturday, June 28.
Arrive Hongkong Wednesday, June 30.
Leave Hongkong Wednesday, August 13.
Leave Shanghai (Woosung) Saturday, August 16.
Leave Nagasaki Monday, August 18.
Leave Kobe Tuesday, August 19.
Leave Yokohama Thursday, August 21.
Arrive Vancouver Saturday, August 30.

1050 TAELS.

Revenue Officer who Kept Awake.

The case in which two Chinese men and two Chinese women are charged with exporting and being in possession of 1050 taels of opium without a permit, again occupied the attention of Mr. Hazell, at the Police Court this afternoon.

Mr. Woodcock, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing, defended. It is alleged that the defendants placed the quantity of opium stated, on the s.s. Rubi.

A native revenue officer said that, when he went into the fireman's quarters of the s.s. Rubi, he found three packages of opium. The packages he found were now in Court.

His Worship, during the course of witness's evidence said he was a most stupid man.

Witness said two sampans were engaged from Taim Tea Tui, one going east and the other west. By Mr. Otto Kong Sing:—The sampan he (witness) was in went in the direction of Taikoo hong. They eventually drew alongside a launch and he got on board. He sat near the engine room and lay down. He did not go to sleep. (laughter.) A Chinese revenue officer remained at the stern.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

Lieut G. F. C. White, R. G. A.

Lieut. G. F. C. White, who was on April 19 appointed captain adjutant of the Welsh R.G.A. (T.F.), was lately serving with No. 3 Company, Hongkong-Singapore Battalion in the Straits Settlements. He got his first commission in December, 1900, and was promoted in September 1903.

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A VARIETY ARTIST'S DISMISSAL.

In the King's Bench Division Mlle. Janette Barber, a music-hall artist, sued the Empire Palace (Limited) for damages for wrongful dismissal. It was stated that her performance included a series of songs between which the plaintiff retired behind a screen and changed her clothes. An electric light threw her sharply on the screen. The defendants discontinued the performance on the ground that it was objectionable. The jury stopped the case and returned a verdict for the defendants.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.
Kowloon C.C. Tournament.
The following matches have been decided:—
Championship—Beattie beat Pile 8-6, 6-1, 6-4. Beattie plays Hunter in the final.
"C" Class Singles Handicap—Biermann has qualified for the final by winning his match against Jack 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.
"B" Class Singles Handicap—MacAskill beat Crapnell 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.
Doubles Handicap—Abraham and Stevens have entered the semi-final round by beating Mead and Haigh 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

BILLIARDS.
Soldiers' Club Tournament.
Continuing their billiard match in the competition for the cup, presented by the Hongkong Volunteers, at the Soldiers' Club, last evening, the R. E. B. team, increased their lead of 31 over the R.G.A. Victoria and Kowloon, to 71, winning two games against their opponents' one. The best win was that of Sapper Clarke over Sgt. Draper by 200 to 168, while Sapper Morgan had a hard fight with the Sergeant of that name to secure a narrow victory of ten points. The position to date is as follows:—

R. E. B.	
Sapper Applin.....	200
Corpl. Coxon	178
Sapper Allen	183
Sapper Clarke	200
Sapper Morgan	200
	961
R. G. A.	
Sgt. Gillman	142
Sgt. Hare	200
Sgt. Campbell	200
Sgt. Draper	168
Sgt. Morgan	190
	900

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THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Tuesday, the 3rd June being a General Holiday, the Post Office will be open from 7 till noon. There will be a delivery of ordinary correspondence and a collection from the Pillar Boxes as on Sunday.
The Registration Office will be closed at 11 a.m., for all outgoing mails.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London	Due Shanghai
May 9	May 24
May 10	May 26

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Coastports, s.s. Haiyang.
Siberian, s.s. Chennan.
German, s.s. Scharnhorst.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian and Siberian, Empress of India, 29th inst.

The Empress of India with the Canadian and London mails of Wednesday (via Siberia) 7th and Saturday 10th inst. is expected to arrive here on Friday the 29th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Hongkong, 29th May, 9 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatsing, 29th May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 29th May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 29th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per A'rica, 29th May, 4 p.m.

Shanghai North China Japan via Yokohama—Per Gisela, 29th May, 4 p.m.

Hoihow, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Kaifong, 30th May, 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 30th May, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per G. Apear, 30th May, noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th May, 1.15 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Thongwa, 30th May, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Sunda, 31st May, 9 a.m.

Tsingtau, Weihaiwei & Tientsin—Per Kueichow, 31st May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 31st May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 31st May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Hangsang, 31st May, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Chennan, 31st May, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 1st June, 9 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Azumasan-maru, 1st June, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 3rd June, 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 3rd June, 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Per Magellan, 3rd June, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America—Per San Francisco—Per Nile, 3rd June, 11 a.m.

Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Manzanillo, Salina Cruz, Arica, Iquique, Valparaiso and Coronel—Per Hongkong-maru, 4th June, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 4th June, 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 6th June, 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Islands—Per Aldenham, 7th June, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Empress of India, 7th June, 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Kjeld, Nor. s.s., 913, Hellesø, 27th May—Bangkok via Swatow 26th May, Rice.—Kim Sing Lee.

Hangsang, Br. s.s., 1,356, Wilde, 27th May—Shanghai and Swatow 26th May, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,363, Hodgins, 28th May—Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 27th May, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Rajah, Ger. s.s., 2,028, Raslafsky, 28th May—Bangkok 10th May, Rice.—B. & S.

Samsen, Ger. s.s., 998, Petersen, 28th May—Swatow 27th May, Rice.—B. & S.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, Tokushige, 28th May—Tamsui and Formosa 25th May, Gen.—O. S. K.

Daito Maru, Jap. s.s., 748, Watanabe, 28th May—Saigon 23rd May, Rice.—Order.

Tjilmanoeck, Dutch s.s., 4,971, W. Juriaanse, 28th May—Moji 23rd May, Coal.—J. C. J. L.

Kwangles, Chi. s.s., 1,462, McArthur, 28th May—Canton 28th May, Gen.—Chinese.

Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,357, Harris, 28th May—Canton 27th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,350, Jenkyns, 28th May—Saigon 24th May, Rice.—Chinese.

Chennan, Br. s.s., 1,355, L. Jones, 28th May—Shanghai 25th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,220, Forsyth, 28th May—Tientsin, etc., 23rd May, Gen.—B. & S.

Scharnhorst, Ger. s.s., 4,800, F. Rehen, 28th May—Singapore 24th May, Gen.—M. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

May 27.
Strathgarry, for Milke.

Yunnan, for Bangkok.

Canada-maru, for Victoria.

Sosho-maru, for Anping.

Hangsang, for Canton.

Glensk, for Nagasaki.

Glensrae, for Yokohama.

Prinz Ludwig, for Hamburg.

May 28.
Sexta, for Bangkok.

Kwonchawuan, for K. C. Wan.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Taming, for Iloilo.

Rubi, for Iloilo.

Looksun, for Bangkok.

DEPARTED.

May 28.
Fukui-maru, for Port Arthur.

Kinkasan-maru, for Milke.

Birkenfels, for Yokohama.

Demodocus, for London.

Helene, for Swatow.

Pongtong, for Haiphong.

Sungkiang, for Haiphong.

Telemaehus, for Yokohama.

Palawan, for Antwerp.

Prinz Ludwig, for Staats.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Sosho-maru, for Anping.

Canada-maru, for Tacoma.

Hangsang, for Canton.

Yusubun, for Shanghai.

Taming, for Philippine Islands.

Glensk, for Japan.

Rubi, for Philippine Islands.

Looksun, for Siam.

Glensrae, for Shanghai.

Phaumpenh, for Saigon.

Sexta, for Siam.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Hangsang, arrived 27th inst., from Shanghai, &c.—Green, Mr. & Mrs. Iles, E.

Per s.s. Palawan, arrived 27th inst., from Yokohama, &c.—Ashby, Bonfield, Drake, Doherty, Dallas, Mr. and Stone, Mrs. Gulse, Williams.

Per s.s. Chennan, arrived 28th inst., from Shanghai.—Jams, Morse.

Per s.s. Kueichow, arrived 28th inst., from Tientsin, &c.—Tod, Lieut.

TIDE TABLE.

26th May to 1st June, 1913.

Day	High Water	Low Water
26th	10.15	4.15
27th	11.00	5.00
28th	11.45	5.45
29th	12.30	6.30
30th	13.15	7.15
31st	14.00	8.00

in morning & afternoon.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at noon.—The barometer has fallen moderately over the China coast, north Japan and the Bonins.

The anticyclone, which has weakened considerably, is central over the Eastern Sea and depressions cover S. Manchuria and Indo-China.

No returns from Luzon.

Light to moderate southerly winds are indicated over the northern portion of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. S. E. and S. winds, light to moderate; fair.

2 Formosa Channel. N. winds, veering to S. E.; light to moderate.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamooks. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

28th May, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
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Wootook	7a	29.6536	—	—	se	2	b
Nepuuo	6a	29.75	—	—	w	6	—
Hakodate	—	29.81	—	—	n	1	—
Tokio	—	29.73	—	—	n	1	—
Kochi	—	29.88	—	—	sw	1	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
K'shima	—	29.90	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	—	29.89	—	—	s	1	—
Naha	—	29.91	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima	—	29.91	—	—	nne	1	—
Bonin Is.	—	29.85	—	—	—	—	—
Chesoo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whaiwei	—	29.8462	51	sw	5	eb	—
Hankow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	29.8960	—	—	se	2	o
Gutzlaff	—	29.8960	—	—	se	2	omz
Sharp P.	7a	29.0972	—	—	o	c	—
Amoy	5a	29.9372	100	—	o	c	—
Swatow	5a	29.9173	86	no	2	o	—
Taihou	5a	29.88	—	—	—	—	—
Taihou	—	29.89	—	—	—	—	—
Tainan	—	29.89	—	—	n	2	—
Koehun	—	29.89	—	—	—	—	—
P'dores	—	29.88	—	—	n	2	—
Canton	9a	—	—	—	—	—	—
H'kong	6a	29.8378	91	e	1	c	—
Gap Rock	—	29.80	—	—	se	3	b
Macao	—	29.8479	—	—	se	2	c
Wuchow	9a	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	6a	29.7679	—	—	s	5	o
Tourane	—	29.7881	—	—	—	—	—
O. St. J.	—	29.8677	—	—	—	—	—
Aparri	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legaspi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	9a	29.9181	—	—	e	1	o
Bacolod	—	—	—	—	nw	1	o
Cebu	—	29.8986	—	—	e	1	o
Labuan	—	29.8783	—	—	—	—	—

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, May 26.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.